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## MEMORANDUM FOR Secretaries of the Military Departments

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Satellite-Borne Earth  
Sensing and Space Shuttle Planning Activities

This memorandum replaces TOP SECRET BYEMAN memorandum, (BYE 78268-68), from the Deputy Secretary of Defense to the Service Secretaries, "Department of Defense Satellite-Borne Earth Sensing Activities."

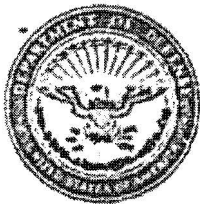
To insure that all Department of Defense efforts involving the use of satellite-borne earth sensors are dealt with in accordance with current policy, all agencies must deal with the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on such activity. "Activity" is defined to include feasibility studies, potential application studies, developments, tests, uses, plans for symposia and conferences, and papers and presentations on this subject area. The NRO will refer specific requirements for collection to the DIA for submission to the U. S. Intelligence Board. In addition, all agencies originating or sponsoring activity attendant to Space Shuttle payload studies, symposia and planning which bear on earth sensing will deal with the National Reconnaissance Office.

The National Reconnaissance Office is designated as the DOD point of contact with NASA, as well as other government agencies, with regard to satellite-borne earth sensing matters which involve conventional boosters or potential Space Shuttle use.

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